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Re: Enclosed Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/781,820
Our Reference: NGB.365

Dear Examiner Walsh,

Enclosed is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 which is responsive to the May 25, 2007 Office Action and which would place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



Donald A. DiPaula
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2007, please consider the following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12-17 and 19-24 are pending in this Application. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.